

Please remember in your prayers:

+ Jon Blanchard	+ Ishia Kabba
+ David Brown	+ Betty Kimber
+ Vishnu Carpenen	+ Horst & Sonja Krippner
+ Roy Champion	+ Patrick Lewis
+ Helen Clover	+ Flo Liddle
+ Matthew Cook	+ Arthur Low
+ Val Coslett	+ Jennie Luchmun
+ Bob Dean	+ Rosemary McLuskey
+ Margaret Dickens	+ Bernadette McElligott
+ Lesley Dix	+ Valerie Martlew
+ Annet Fernandez	+ Annie Smith
+ Albie Hammond	+ Andrea Spalding
+ Doug Hampson	+ Sue Turnbull
+ Susan Head	+ Sharon Wallace
+ Dawn Johnson	+ Elizabeth Williams

+ Our neighbours: St Michael, West Croydon & Salvation Army

+ Please continue to pray for the selection process for our new Vicar as the staff meet two candidates this week.

Services this week
04 December – 10 December

Monday	12.00noon	Eucharist
	2.30pm	Julian Group – Almshouses
Tuesday	12.00noon	Lectio Divina
	1.10pm	Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Boys & Men)
		<i>Canticles:</i> Dyson in F
		<i>Anthem:</i> Cantique 'Jean Racine' Fauré
Wednesday	11.00am	(BCP) Eucharist
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Girls')
		<i>Canticles:</i> Tone 8 Arnold
		<i>Anthem:</i> How lovely are the Messengers Mendelssohn
Thursday	11.00am	Eucharist – Whitgift House
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong (Men)
		<i>Canticles:</i> 2 nd Service Moore
		<i>Anthem:</i> Come, thou redeemer of the earth Praetorius/Parnell
Friday	10.00am	Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Eucharist

Next Sunday, 11 December 2016
3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am	Eucharist
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	Readings: <i>Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11</i>
6.30pm	Town Carol Service

Our Clergy are available to talk, they are:		
Vicar:	Vacant	
Assoc. Vicar:	Revd Lee Taylor	020 3742 5842
Curate:	Revd Christopher Moore	020 8680 7890
Asst. Priest:	Revd Alan Bayes	07792 125773
St George's	Mtr Pat Vowles	020 8688 7006

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MINSTER NEWS
Sunday 4 December 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent / Toy Service

08.00am	Eucharist <i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
09.50am	Crèche, Kingfishers & BDG in church
10.00am	Sung (All Age) Eucharist
Celebrant:	<i>Fr Christopher Moore</i>
Preacher:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
	<i>Choir: Boys' & Men</i>
Hymns:	7, 388, 55, 12
Setting:	Missa Dixit Marta Hassler
Reader:	<i>Ellie Willmer</i>
Intercessor:	BDG
Motet:	There is no Rose Milligan
Voluntary:	Toccata on 'Pat le facteur' Edward Marsh (TL)

In the interest of hygiene: If you wear lipstick, please could you kindly blot your lips before taking communion, and, if you need to dip your wafer in the chalice, please could you avoid dipping your fingers or getting your hair in it as this contaminates the wine. Thank you very much

If you are new, please complete a 'Blue Welcome Card' which is available at the back of church. Please ask a sides' person for details.

Coffee, tea & squash is served in the church hall after the 10.0am Service.

09.00am	Eucharist-Whitgift Almshouses <i>Fr Lee</i>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Officiant:	<i>Fr Lee Taylor</i>
Preacher:	<i>Fr Christopher Moore</i>
	<i>Choir: Girls' & Adults</i>
Hymns:	55, 7, 408
Responses:	Smith
Psalm:	11
Canticles:	Noble in B Minor
Anthem:	Ave Maria Bruckner
Voluntary:	Chorale improvisation 'Von Himmel Hoc' Karg-Elert (JO)

Organists: RK – Ronny; TL – Tom; JO – Jack Oades (Organ Scholar)

Children's Activity Bags are available at the back of church for use with your child in the pew. Please ask a Sides' Person for one and please return it to the sides' people at the end of the service.

The December/January Magazine is available: £1.00

The Church Times is available. Price £2.10

The Bridge & Croydon Citizen Newspapers (both free) are available at the back of church.

Sponsorship of church flowers – Forms are available at the back of church. £25.00 buys one arrangement.

Organ Restoration Appeal – Update

The total amount received/pledged at the end of September including Gift Aid was **£116,484**. We have just heard that we have received a £20,000 boost to the funds.

A big 'Thank You' to Julie Beaumont and her team of helpers for organising this year's Christmas Fair which raised £1758.00 – a fantastic result.

Food Bank – we realise times are hard but we still need your weekly donations of food to help support the local food bank in Ramsey Court. Donations of: UHT milk, cooking oil, tinned meat/fish, ready meals, noodles, sugar etc. All donations very gratefully received. We are happy for cash donations to enable *Fr Chris & Denise* to do a weekly/fortnightly shop.

For Mass Intentions, Visiting the sick (including Anointing) & **Confession**, please speak to *Father's Lee or Chris*.

Weekly & Monthly Envelope Users – There are still quite a few weekly & monthly envelopes in the North Cross Aisle for regular users of these. Please take yours today to avoid postage. These started last Sunday (27 November).

Christmas Cards for the Parish – There are still several roads in the parish whose cards haven't been delivered yet! Please take a road and try and deliver them this week. This is a very important piece of mission, particularly if you don't live within our parish, but choose to worship here. *Thank you all very much.*

Sunday 11 December

11.30am Kingfisher & Blue Door Groups Leaders Meeting – Vicars study. Please can I encourage all of you to attend this meeting? *Fr Christopher*

6.30pm The **Town Carol Service** will take place here in the presence of the Mayor of Croydon, Croydon's Chief Executive & our MP (to name a few of this year's readers)

Friday 16 December – Carol singing in the Whitgift Centre in aid of the *Croydon Churches Floating Centre* particularly at 3.00pm-4.00pm to join with St Mary, Addington Village, Christ Church, West Croydon & St Matthew's Church, East Croydon.

Sunday 18 December 6.30pm – 'Carols by Candlelight' A Concert by the Minster Choral Foundation & the Band of the Salvation Army. Tickets £10 available from the Minster Office (not to be missed).

Minster income problems

So far we have only received five pledges.
Could you please consider helping us?

Tuesday 20 December – Carol Singing at Croydon University Hospital. Meet in the hospital chapel at 7.00pm, sing around the wards & return to the chapel for refreshments.

Thursday 29 December – Outing to Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch. Period rooms decorated for Christmas. Meet West Croydon Station at 9.45am. Bring Day Travelcard, Oyster or Freedom Pass. Entry to museum is free, café for coffee & lunch. Details: Jenny Muschamp 020 8686 8521 or David Gilbert 07906 503657.

The Book 'Consumed by Fire' – by Brian Lancaster is available either from Ruth Dixon or the Minster Office – Priced £4.50.

Croydon Churches Floating Shelter – We are once again looking for volunteers to help with the floating shelter. The FS is emergency provision for men and women with a Croydon Connection who have no other accommodation available to them. The shelter opens nightly for four months each year between 7:30pm and 8:00am. The shelter is provided in a different church venue in Croydon each night of the week. Croydon Minster takes its turn in 2017 on six consecutive Sundays from 19 February – 26 March. Please sign up at the back of church.

Wanted for after Christmas – A volunteer or volunteers to take on cleaning the church halls. Ideally we need 2 more people to volunteer to make this a once a month task. Please speak to Denise in the Minster office if you feel capable of doing this for us.

The Lions Club has launched 'Message in a Bottle'. This is an idea to encourage people to keep basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can be located in an emergency. Details are on our notice board and there is a surgery for advice in the Whitgift Centre this week.

Remembering 1916 'Life on the Western Front'. A Major exhibition at Whitgift School (on until the end of December).

Age UK Croydon Home Services Coordinator 35 hours per week: £26,664 Pro Rata: They want to hear from you if you have: A bright positive personality, Self-confidence, Entrepreneurial flair, Ability to work in a busy environment, A passion for working with vulnerable older people, Experience of managing staff and/or volunteers. For an application pack, please contact: Age UK Croydon – 2 Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX. Tel: 020 8680 5450 or Email: aukc@ageukcroydon.org.uk quoting the job title. Closing date for applications: Friday the 16th December 2016. Interview Date: Week commencing 2nd January 2017.